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The Honorable Edward V. Long, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Administrative Practice & Procedures  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

My dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter of 11 August 1966 requesting information on the amount, nature, and use of information which Government agencies currently maintain on individual American citizens. We note the instruction forwarded with the letter excludes from coverage information which is compiled with regard to Agency employees.

This Agency has no responsibilities which require the gathering or retention of information on "individual Americans." To the contrary, section 102(d) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, 50 U.S.C. 401(d) provides, in part, "that the Agency shall have no police, subpoena, law-enforcement powers, or internal-security functions." It is our responsibility to correlate and evaluate intelligence relating to the national security, and provide for the appropriate dissemination of such intelligence within the Government.

Such information as is gathered or received within the Agency concerning individual Americans relates to the security procedures and processing of our employees and other persons involved in the conduct of Agency business. The information and files concerning these persons are segregated from other files and are maintained on a classified basis with release only to those offices or persons having a reason or demonstrated official need for the information.

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In keeping with the foregoing, this letter is to advise you that the Central Intelligence Agency maintains no records for inclusion in the Committee inventory of information on individuals.

In the interest of insuring that this report is responsive to the Committee's needs, it has been reviewed with Mr. Benny L. Kass, Assistant Counsel of the Subcommittee. If I may be of further assistance, will you please advise.

Sincerely,

[Redacted] /s/ L. K. White

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Letter to the Honorable Edward V. Long, Chairman, Subcommittee  
on Administrative Practice & Procedure, United States Senate from  
Executive Director - Comptroller.

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REMARKS:  This is the letter I talked to you about earlier today. The Committee staff has approved it in advance.	
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